

# TOMBSTONE EPITAPH

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The Phoenix Republican says: Unless the legislature behaves itself it will have to serve out the full term of sixty days. On the other hand, we understand Governor Hunt will allow time off for good conduct and double time for hard work.

And now the scientists tell us that when we think we have a cold we are just recovering from one. In other words, we don't know we have it until we begin to get well. While this isn't perfectly clear there is some little comfort in the idea.

An exchange remarks: A new system of spelling allows each individual a wide range of choice. Something of this kind has existed a long time, but somehow has not been considered a desirable accomplishment.

Department clerks at Washington are endeavoring to get a bill through congress providing for the retirement on pensions of government employees who have served a certain number of years in the government employ. As things now stand, employees are retained until they die, even though unable to do any work. On the basis of efficiency this policy is insupportable. There then remain the alternatives of discharging superannuated employees and compelling them to hunt a livelihood as best they can, or to retire them according to a well-devised system upon a pension that will at least keep them from the poorhouse. Probably there will be little dissent to the proposition that the latter is the best. It really seems as though in this matter the nation could afford to both just and generous.

There are 1000 males to 900 females in the world. And still there are those who would tax the bachelors.

Mr Wilson refused to join an aristocratic club in Washington. He is going to be too busy to be aristocratic.

Senator Worsley has introduced a bill in the legislature providing that the state establish a loan agency for loaning money to men on farm lands, for establishing a state smelter and for the state owning and operating a saw mill. If the printing bill becomes a law many Arizona newspapers will necessarily be ready to apply for state loans.

The state prison at Lansing, Kan. burned last week and the state administration may expect to hear complaints from the inmates that the place needs more fire escapes.

Under the United States immigration laws none of the English suffragettes who have been in jail can settle in this country. We find things to be thankful for every day.

The Daughters of the American Revolution still have their fighting blood up.

Ladies: April 30th will be your last opportunity to register as a voter of our country and state. If registered you will have the opportunity to cancel, or rather offset the vote of a male biped, husband or otherwise, whom you may think has perverted political views; and you will on the other hand, be enabled to increase the strength of those whom you believe to be in the right.

Whew! Brother Dunbar of the Democrat sends in the following editorial broadside: "Many stout hearts stood on the quarter deck of the Titanic and sang 'Nearer My God to Thee,' as that monster was sinking into the wild Atlantic. So it is with Arizona—many patient and gallant men are standing on the deck of the sinking ship of state sinking. 'Farewell, Vain World, Let the D—d Thing Sink,' as they gradually watch the old hulk diving and plunging into the muddy waters of incompetency and extravagance."

The Republican says: "If all the bills which have been introduced into the legislature, making appropriations for the sinking of experimental artesian wells are passed, the surface of Arizona will be made to look like a pepper box. So will the treasury of Arizona be given that appearance."

Every county in Arizona is increasing in wealth and population, and before the end of 1914 this state will have 500,000 people and an assessment roll of \$400,000,000.

There is a possibility that the legislature may get through within two weeks. That is good news.

A New York paper, commenting on the fact that no less than 20,000 new acts were added to the statute books of the United States last year, suggests that we should have a censorship of laws. If censors are needed for moving pictures and plays, they are certainly much more needed for those laws which create new crimes. But then the lawmakers believe that they are specially appointed to censor our morals.

## New Mining Method Employed in Cochise Mines--Top Slicing in Lower Level

In the mines of the Warren district the system which may revolutionize mining methods here is now in operation and is being further extended. This is top slicing. It has been used with success so far and this method of taking out the ore deposits is now to be utilized in other shafts.

Top slicing, which has been successfully practiced in other districts, had never been attempted in the Bisbee mines until recently, when it was

believed that it could be effective in the Coeur mine, of the Copper Queen company. It is now being continued from the 400 to the 300 level. This week it was started in the Neptune shaft and good progress is being made there, while the preparations for its most extensive employment in the district at the great Sacramento mine, of the same company, have progressed rapidly and within a short time it will be introduced at that shaft also.

## News of the State in Condensed Form

The lawn in front of the main building at the university was transformed on Thursday evening into a bower of vines and lights, with many pretty Japanese lanterns festooned from the building to the nearby trees. Miss Elsa Chapin and her university girls presented a series of folk dances which will be long remembered as the prettiest event of the season at the university. Miss Chapin did a solo dance representative of a typical folk dance of a modern Greek peasant woman, with costume in correct detail, which was enthusiastically enjoyed and repeated.

Ricardo Torres and Guillermo Figueroa were taken to Nogales yesterday by Immigration Inspector Colvin of the local station, and there they will be deported to Mexico on orders of the department of labor. They were sentenced to six months in jail by the federal court at Phoenix at the last term, on the charge of violating the Mann act relating to white slavery and the conviction carried with it deportation from this country.

One of the biggest real estate transfers, which will have an effect on interest in the city of Douglas, was made in that city recently when George M. Slaughter, R. L. Slaughter, W. B. Slaughter and George F. Woodward organized the Slaughter Land & Cattle company, and transferred to it the holdings of real estate in the Moctezuma district, formerly owned by George F. Woodward. The transfer consists of more than 300,000 acres of fine grazing land.

That E. C. Taylor, convicted Friday of embezzlement from the Gila Valley Bank & Trust company, led a useful and energetic life up to the time of his trouble, is shown by statements of men that have known him ever since he came to this country, nearly six years ago. Taylor is now in jail awaiting the result of the efforts of his attorney to secure a new trial. Many stories, both true and untrue, can be heard on every hand, but they all amount to the same thing of a young man able to make his mark by brains and energy, yet too weak to withstand temptation.

That Arizona has a law, for a long time since its enactment a year ago, prohibiting persons not eligible to American citizenship from acquiring title to real property in Arizona, was brought to the attention of the federal officials at Phoenix. The latter said they would call the measure to the attention of the state department.

Miss Cora Temple, age 16, who was suddenly stricken blind in her right eye last Friday, is gradually recovering her sight and her parents and friends have hopes that the eye will return to its normal state. Miss Temple was studying her history lesson early Friday morning when she suddenly lost the sight of her eye. At first, Dr. Holt of Globe, who was consulted, said nothing could be done but since the eye has shown improvement, he has hopes of saving it.

J. Beeler, a negro, was found dead at Bisbee in his little shoe repair shop on O.K. trail. A coroner's jury composed of negroes who had known the deceased was called by Coroner Thomas, and turned in a verdict of death due to heart failure. The deceased was 66 years old.

Juan Mesa, aged 22 years, was instantly killed by having his head severed from his body, through falling in front of a moving switch engine in the freight yards Saturday afternoon at Douglas. Shortly after the accident happened, a large crowd congregated on the scene, where the damaged body of the man lay. Among them was his common law wife, with two small children, aged 3 and 4 years.

Seventy-five Mexican prisoners held by the United States Army at Nogales were given their freedom Monday, being taken to the international line and warned not to re-cross into the United States.

Others will be given their liberty in small details a day or two apart. Gen. Pedro Ojeda will be held pending further orders from the war department.

Several wealthy mining men from the Moctezuma district arrived in Douglas last night to escape unsettled conditions which they say are at

present present prevailing there. The property holders are continually being pestered by requests for money and provisions for the support of the state forces. So persistent are the requests that they have already become unbearable. Many of the property holders are escaping to the American side of the line, so they say.

Miss Gertrude Teel, 904 North Eighth street, Phoenix, who was seized with spinal meningitis last week, was reported as improving. Miss Teel is 18 years of age. This is the only case of the disease in that city at present, according to City Health Officer Sargent.

Jack Williams, a shift boss at the Old Dominion mine, at Globe, narrowly escaped death when he fell from a ladder in a raise from the fifteenth level to the sixteenth. He was taken to the hospital immediately, and on examination was shown to have a shoulder dislocated, besides other minor injuries. He will recover, although he may be confined to the hospital for some time.

C. J. Reppy, one of the best known residents of Florence, arrived in Globe recently and expects to spend several days in the district looking after property interests. Mr. Reppy probably is the oldest newspaper man in Arizona, as he established the "Tombstone Epitaph" in 1879 and published it for several years. He has also conducted a newspaper in Florence and has a wide acquaintance throughout southern Arizona.

The Liquor Dealers' association of the Royal Arch were hosts to the children of the orphan home Friday afternoon at a theater party at the opera house, where the movies of the fire department of Tucson and other street scenes were shown. The outing was a delight to the youngsters and the hosts felt well repaid at witnessing their enjoyment.

The superintendent of schools fight in Yuma county is causing considerable of a stir. Petitions were circulated for the recall of Superintendent Hees and he filed his resignation, which he later withdrew. The friends of Hees claim he is being unjustly and grossly mistreated and are urging him to defy his enemies. The Superintendent is a capable official, but is claimed to be the victim of personal enemies.

In an exciting game of better class than the score indicates, the Tempe high school baseball team defeated Mesa high school on the varsity diamond, Tucson, Thursday morning by a score of 15 to 9. It was a free-hitting game, but many pretty plays were pulled, and the contest, taking it as a whole, was a thriller.

J. F. Mondar, acrobat, and F. B. Adams, contortionist, who were left in jail in the wake of the circus, flitted the cage shortly after midnight Sunday. They made their escape through use of their professional talents, going out of the roof of the Tucson prison.

Farmers from the middle west are flocking to the Dendora valley, eighty-five miles west of Phoenix on the Gila river. Twenty-five families, most of them from Missouri and Illinois, have settled in the valley and they have sufficient money to enable them to go about the redemption of the valley in the right way. The farmers will probably go into the raising of Egyptian cotton.

Meager particulars of a shooting scrape were learned as having occurred at Congress Junction in which a Mexican was killed by James Rivers, the latter using a .45-caliber Colt's revolver, and death followed instantly. The two men had had differences on the range, where both were employed as sheepherders.

Yuma was visited by the fire and for half an hour it looked like red ruin would sweep a considerable portion of the business district. The wind was high and conditions were favorable, but a splendid fire fighting organization, magnificent water pressure and good luck won the day.

At a meeting of the Globe city council, \$300 was appropriated by the city for decorations and lighting for the Elks reunion. After the appropriation was made, an official of the Elks announced they were going to

use the streets for a carnival. The decorations, after the reunion will be returned to the city to be used on future festive occasions.

S. A. Harvey, a new comer to Miami had the misfortune to step on a rusty nail that stuck out of a board that lay buried in the dust on Sullivan street. The nail penetrated the shoe and foot and inflicted a very painful injury. While Mr. Harvey will be laid up for some time, it is thought that it will not prove serious, unless blood poisoning sets in.

At Tucson, the site for the southern Arizona fair grounds is two miles south of that city on the continuation of Sixth avenue. The tract is of forty acres. It is owned by the city, having been acquired for cemetery or park purposes.

Three young wildcats with their eyes not yet open were captured Friday by a rancher living along the Arizona canal about ten miles northwest of Phoenix. Regardless of the fact that the animals are probably not a week old, they are good swimmers, and for this reason they were captured and not drowned.

Testimony in the trial of Plennie Stokes, accused of the murder of Deputy Sheriff Charles Woods at Miami, began last week. A jury was chosen to hear the evidence at Saturday's session of the superior court. Judge McAllister is sitting in the case because Judge Shute was acting as prosecuting attorney at the time of the death of the officer. The jury found a verdict of guilty.

Epidemics of disease in Globe that have caused several deaths in the last few weeks are practically stamped out, according to the statement of Dr. B. G. Fox, city and county health officer. Only one case of cerebro spinal meningitis and one case of smallpox remain. Both of these cases are very light and it is expected that both patients will be out before the week is over.

Approval of the plans and specifications submitted some time ago to the main offices of the Santa Fe in Chicago for the new buildings to be erected in Prescott for the S. F. & P. railway has been received by General Manager W. A. Drake.

John Morris, while in Prescott Monday, stated that farmers of Skull valley were facing the worst pest that had ever invaded that country in the horde of gophers that were eating up the crops. The evil is considered as one of the gravest ever known, and although thousands are being killed, they seem to multiply until all ranchers are becoming alarmed over the situation. He states there will be a very light crop in all lines, accordingly.

John Bexler of Prescott, one of the large live stock growers of Yavapai county, has instituted damage proceedings against the A. T. & S. F. Railway company for the sum of \$260,000, for the alleged ruining of the water supply through the distribution of oil from tanks at Ash Fork. In his complaint he states that the pumps used on Ash Fork creek to store the oil tanks, have been improperly and carelessly handled, and the fluid has been permitted to pass down that stream at will, and to the detriment of his interests.

One of the largest cattle deals on record will be consummated this week in the northern part of the state, along the line of the Santa Fe. To be Driscoll, formerly of Austin, Tex., and known throughout that state as one of the best cattlemen, but more recently head of the DDD ranch in Wyoming is the purchaser. The number of cattle to be shipped will approximate 10,000 head, and have been purchased from many people in the northeastern part of the state. They will be shipped to Morecroft, Dawson county, Wyoming.

Mrs. J. C. Wheat, special representative of the Chamber of Commerce of Tucson, has returned from El Paso, where she remained three weeks distributing booklets advertising the resources of the state and vicinity. She will make a detailed report to the Chamber of Commerce directors on the results of her stay at El Paso.

Bringing with him one bandit as a prisoner, whom he turned over to the authorities in Agua Prieta, Commissioner Ramirez of Colonia Morales brought the story to Douglas of an attempt to hold up his office, the killing of one citizen and two bandits in the flight which ensued. As a general order has been issued that all bandits shall be killed, it is presumed that the one the Commissioner brought to Agua Prieta will meet a like fate of the other two.

## Doings In the Superior Court

MONDAY

Following is the special venire of 15 jurors who reported for duty this morning and answered roll call:  
C. Cross S. M. Greenidge  
J. Ames G. G. Orrison  
J. Spikes E. Curtis  
L. Supple F. Ames  
W. Murphy F. Hurley  
J. McElligott M. Wartenburg  
L. Freeman P. R. Kelly

The jury in the case of the State vs. Butcher and Thompson were unable to agree and after so reporting were discharged.

State vs. Cuthaw; defendant having been found guilty of grand larceny was this morning sentenced not less than 1 or more than 10 years.

State vs. Wes Henley an charge of assault with deadly weapon, using a billiard cue. The following jury was empaneled:

C. E. Blakke J. Craig  
F. A. Davis Patrick B. Barnes  
W. B. Cranston W. H. Blair  
J. Hanley T. Monnier  
J. Curtis H. A. Baker  
W. K. Davison Sam Verran

Jury returned a verdict of guilty as charged and sentence will be pronounced tomorrow.

State vs. Ramon Andrade, charged with grand larceny. Following jury was empaneled:

G. Coffey H. A. Baker  
Jim Craig A. E. Crielwell  
W. H. Blair A. M. Smack  
N. J. Nanney John Nugent  
Eugene Yoakum Jesse Yoakum  
N. B. Cranston A. H. Gardner

After the case was under way it was discovered that a variance was had in the indictment as to ownership of burros stolen, and on motion of county attorney, the case was dismissed.

This afternoon Geo. L. Leonard received his sentence on charge of rape and was committed to the state penitentiary for a period of seven years. The time of the crime being committed two years ago he was sentenced under the old law and the recommendation of mercy of the court as included in the jury verdict, was considered. Under the indeterminate sentence law the penalty would have been from five years to life.

Leonard asked the court that he be given a day before being taken to Florence to straighten up his business affairs which he claims has now been wrecked because of the charges against him.

State vs. Jas. Evans, colored.—Charged with assault with deadly weapon. Sentenced to pay fine of \$100 or 100 days.  
State vs. Wm. Jefferson, colored. Charged with assault with deadly weapon. Sentenced to pay fine of \$100 or 100 days.

TUESDAY

State vs. Thompson and Butcher.—Order entered permitting withdrawal of plea of not guilty of burglary and plea guilty of burglary in second degree entered, whereupon Thompson was sentenced to term not exceeding five years. Butcher entered plea of guilty to petit larceny and was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail.

State vs. Wes Henley.—Defendant having been found guilty of assault with deadly weapon in using a billiard cue, was sentenced for a term of not less than 1 year or more than 10 years.

Order denying motion for new trial in case of Peter Gordon vs. H. P. Merrill was filed.

No jury cases were on trial today the two colored defendants who were charged with assault and whose cases were set for today having pled guilty. Also the guilty pleas entered in the cases against Thompson and Butcher; left this date without a case for jury trial.

WEDNESDAY

State vs. Fred Wright, charged with forgery of one labor check at Douglas on the Kansas City Structural Steel Co., to order of one J. Smith for sum of \$65, the check being countersigned by defendant as timekeeper. The following is the jury in the case:

H. A. Baker C. E. Blakke  
W. H. Blair N. J. Riley  
M. Wartenburg A. M. Smack  
L. Supple N. J. Nanney  
H. C. Puntney J. E. Lindley  
J. Yoakum Jim Craig

It is expected this case will occupy the attention of the court today and tomorrow, as many witnesses are to be examined.

SEE'S LAXATIVE COUGH SYRUP  
RELIEVES COUGHS AND COLDS

## Gives Warning to Cochise Settlers

The Courtland Arizona is making a strenuous protest on the list of land selected by the State Land Commission in the Sulphur Spring valley and sounds the following warning to the settlers:

"Should you find your land among those given as included in any of the selections act at once by filing in the Phoenix Land Office, an affidavit of protest, making same in duplicate and having it corroborated by two witnesses and sworn to. The fact of having had your filing accepted either on a homestead or desert entry, is not sufficient protection, for as soon after the legal publication of these lists is completed, the evidence of same will be produced and the same carried to Washington as soon as possible, in order to be ahead of any possible protest, and hurried through the department, title passed to the state of Arizona and then the lands will be leased by the interest that are working for this end. Once the case has gone this far, you will find it an expensive and difficult task, having your claim recognized, if indeed it is recognized at all, and your home, your labor and your improvement more than likely lost to you. If such should be the result, it will but a repetition of what was done in this county a number of years back, under the leadership of the very same man that is today dominating the interests back of this land grab."

A Globe dispatch says:—Nick Mitigovich turned state's evidence on the witness stand at the trial of himself, Martin Despot and Sam Wueich, charged with plotting to burn a saloon in Miami to get insurance of \$3,700. The court refused to grant him immunity.

Approximately 5000 fruit trees of all varieties, peaches predominating have been received at Douglas this season and planted, according to the local deputy of the state entomologist who has inspected them. But few of the trees received this season have been planted in the fruit belt to the north and east of Douglas, and not a few in the yards of the city dwellers. There have been all varieties received, although peach trees predominated. There were also many apple, plum, apricot and pear trees, while the cherry trees come in at the bottom of the list for number.

In the report of the coroner's jury which investigated the killing of Francisco Montanue at Congress Junction on Saturday afternoon, James Rivers was declared to have acted in self defense in shooting down the Mexican. Six witnesses testified before the jury that Montanue had repeatedly threatened to kill Rivers and others during the day, and when he attempted to enter the saloon of Dick Bullard he had a rifle, presumably to carry out his threats, when he was shot through the heart by Rivers, expiring instantly.

## Sonora Government Seizes Cattle

A Douglas dispatch says:—On orders direct from Governor Pascual of Sonora, the big ranches of Mascareñas and Bringas between Cananea and Nogales were seized today by the state military authorities. Cattle from the properties were being driven into Cananea and sold.

This action was taken on the refusal of the ranch owners to take up their apportionment of the million-peso loan when the state is enforcing on all corporations and companies. The Morales ranch near this point is being treated likewise with the state troops rounding up the cattle and bringing them to market at Agua Prieta.

## Expenses of State for Two Years

That it will cost the sum of \$1,790,605 to run the various departments of the state of Arizona for the coming two years, is the estimate of the house appropriations committee, as shown by the general appropriation bill, which was introduced in the lower house. The bill provides for a general appropriation for the purposes of maintaining, equipping and improving the various state institutions and to pay the salaries and office expenses of the various state officers. The total of the appropriation is \$1,790,605.